

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	72016	Agenda Number	20.
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Meeting Date:	6/22/2017	Department:	Management Services
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Subject

Approve a resolution amending Resolution No. 20170518-015 regarding the Procedures for City Council Meetings, Public Hearings, and Appeals relating to general citizen communication registration.

Amount and Source of Funding

This item has no fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The purpose of this item is to correct an inconsistency in the Procedures for City Council Meetings, Public Hearings, and Appeals (“Procedures”) adopted by Council on May 18, 2017.

Under the Procedures, the final agenda will post 13 days before the Council meeting. However, the provisions regarding general citizen communication provide that citizens may register to speak between the 14th day and the seventh day before the Council meeting. Under this provision, citizens would only have one day to sign up before the agenda is posted and 6 days after the agenda is posted. As a result, some speakers’ names and topics would not be listed in the final agenda. This was an unintended consequence of moving the final agenda posting date.

To address this issue, City staff proposes that Council amend Section 1-1-8(B) of the Procedures to require that citizens who wish to speak during general citizen communication register between 9:00 a.m. on the 21st day before the Council meeting at which they intend to speak and 4:30 p.m. on the 14th day before the Council meeting at which they intend to speak.

Under this proposal, citizens would have the same amount of time (approximately eight days) to register to speak during general citizen communication.

This proposed amendment would not affect the process for citizens to register to speak on any item on the Council agenda other than general citizen communication.